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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **COLONEL CHRISTOPHER T. DANIELS**

Col. Christopher T. Daniels is the Commander of the 71st Mission Support Group, Vance Air Force Base, Okla.. As commander, he is responsible for all support for the Vance Air Force Base mission and community, including civil engineering, security and law enforcement, communications, personnel functions, supply, transportation, recreation activities and contracting. His command includes four squadrons and one flight.

Colonel Daniels entered the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program at Florida State University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1991. During his career, he served as a headquarters Executive Officer and a two-time Contracting Squadron Commander. He deployed to Afghanistan as Deputy Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting in direct logistical support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Colonel Daniels is a Certified Acquisition Professional with 20 years of experience.



### **EDUCATION**

- 1991 Bachelor of Economics, Florida A&M University
- 1997 Squadron Officer School (Resident Course)
- 2000 Master of Business Administration, Webster University
- 2006 Master of Military Operational Art, Air Command and Staff College (Resident Course)
- 2007 Air War College, Excellent Graduate (Distance Learning Course)
- 2012 Darden Business School Executive Education and Leadership Program, University of Virginia

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 1991 - August 1992, Assistant Regional Director of Admissions (Gold-Bar), AFROTC Det 207, Parks College of Saint Louis University, Cahokia, Illinois.
2. August 1992 - August 1994, Contracting Staff Management Officer, Contracting Division, Logistics Directorate, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.
3. August 1994 - October 1996, Contracts Manager, Weapons, Air Base and Range Product Support Office, Det 5, Aeronautical Systems Center (Air Armament Center), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
4. October 1996 - July 1997, Executive Officer, Weapons, Air Base and Range Product Support Office, Det 5, Aeronautical Systems Center (Air Armament Center), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
5. July 1997 - July 1998, Commander, Acquisition Squadron, Det 5, Aeronautical Systems Center (Air Armament Center), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
6. July 1998 - July 2001, Commander, Base Operations Support Flight, 11th Contracting Squadron, 11th Wing, Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia.
7. August 2000 - November 2000, Deputy Chief, Allied Theatre Head of Contracts, Headquarters NATO Stabilization Force, Camp Butmir (Sarajevo), Bosnia-Herzegovina.

8. July 2001 - June 2002, Command Contracting Inspector, Officer of Inspector General, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
9. June 2002 - July 2003, Executive to the Director, Directorate of Contracting, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
10. July 2003 - May 2005, Commander, 20th Contracting Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, Air Combat Command, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.
11. May 2005 - June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
12. June 2006 - May 2007, Air Force Secretariat Staff Officer, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting), Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
13. May 2007 - June 2009, Chief, Force Management, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting), Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), The Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia.
14. October 2008 - May 2009, Deputy Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (Afghanistan), Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.
15. June 2009 - October 2010, Commander, 316th Contracting Squadron, 316th Wing, Air Force District of Washington, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.
16. October 2010 - July 2011, Commander, 11th Contracting Squadron, 11th Wing, Air Force District of Washington, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.
17. July 2011 - June 2012, Deputy Commander, 11th Mission Support Group, 11th Wing, Air Force District of Washington, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.
18. June 2012 - July 2013, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, Air Force Fellow, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware.
19. July 2013 - Present, Commander, 71st Mission Support Group, Vance AFB, Oklahoma.

#### **MAJOR DECORATIONS**

Bronze Star Medal  
 Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 NATO Medal, Bosnia, Afghanistan  
 Air Force Recognition Ribbon with oak leaf cluster

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Air Force Outstanding Field Grade Contracting Officer of the Year  
 Air Command and Staff College Leadership Award  
 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award  
 Air Force Association Mission Support Person of the Year  
 Air Force District of Washington Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Command and Communities of Practice," Air and Space Power Journal, Winter 2006  
 "Leading from the Front, Rear, and Center," Air and Space Power Journal, Summer 2007  
 "Leading Transformation during Times of Change," Air Force Print News, Spring 2011

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	August 2, 1991
First Lieutenant	August 2, 1993
Captain	June 21, 1995
Major	May 1, 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2007
Colonel	January 1, 2013